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No sulphur and molasses in this cure for "Spring Fever," as "doctors" S-Sgt. Sid Katz and Pfc. Art Mee go to work on defenseless patient Pfc. Billy Reeves, in a cure that is drastic if not scientific. The show opens next Wednesday night at the Hood Road theater. (More pictures on page 6.)

New Playwriting Contest For GIs

Having concluded its initial competition for playwrights in uniform, the National Theater Conference with the War Department's approval, announced the Second Playwriting Contest for men and women of the Armed Forces. The New Contest, which invites the entrance of all ranks and branches of service, offers as awards cash prizes totaling \$1500 and the opportunity to be recommended for valuable post-war scholarships.

As in the first NTC Contest, classes of competitive writing are five: long plays, one-acts, skits and blackouts, musical comedies, and radio plays.

In order to make the competition more equitable, the Second NTC Contest, opening 1 May 1944, will have two divisions. Material mailed by servicemen within the United States will be entered in the CAMPS division. The mailing deadline for this division is 1 November 1944. Material mailed by military personnel on duty outside of the United States will be entered in the OVERSEAS division, the mailing deadline of which is 1 December 1944. Of the total amount set aside for prizes, \$1000 will be reserved for the superior manuscripts submitted in the OVERSEAS area of competition. Awards and judging in the five classes are separate for the two divisions.

Interested men and women should write to the National Theater Conference, Western Reserve University, Cleveland 6, Ohio, for a copy of the terms which govern the Contest.

Mother's Day Party

The 37th Street Service Club is staging a Mother's Day party, Sunday, starting at 2:00 p.m., at which dancing will be a feature.

"The Women" Current Offering

Tonight at the Hood Road Theater, and tomorrow night at North Camp Hood at the Central Recreation Hall, the Red Masque Players of the University of Houston will present "The Women," with a cast of forty young women.

This satirical play about a small group of ladies, native to the Park Avenues of America will start promptly at 8:00 p. m.

"The Women," by Clare Boothe Luce, had a long Broadway run. As presented here by the Red Masque Players, the play is directed by Lelio Elizabeth Blount; stage manager, June Williams; supervising director, L. Standlee Mitchell.

The characters do not speak like perfect angels, far from it. They are instead, gossipy and selfish, and bickering—and altogether provide enough comedy to delight any theater-goer.

Admission is free.

TDRTC WACs In AG School List

Four noncoms of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center WAC Det have been sent to the Adjutant General's School at Fort Washington, Maryland, for advanced courses in office administration. They were the first Wacs from North Camp to be included in a quota for the AGD School.

The Wacs are Sgt. Eura Weaver and Tec 5 Luella Nichols of the TDRTC Personnel Office and Tec 5 Mary M. Hargis and Tec 5 Luella Nichols of TDRTC Headquarters.

Also at Fort Washington for the two-month course are four Classification Office men, S-Sgt. Paul Loomis, Sgt. Vincent McDonald and Tec 5's George Welton and Samuel A. Manifold, and two Headquarters Co noncoms from the TDRTC Personnel Office, S-Sgt. John C. Wall and Sgt. Anthony G. Maas.

with girls attending from nearby towns. A show, featuring Pvs. Joe Passiatore and Bob Cain will start at 4 o'clock.

Daily News Broadcast

The 138th Bn at the North Camp Hood Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center will furnish its trainees with up to the minute news coverage of the Allied invasion of Europe over the battalion loudspeaker system.

The 138th has had in operation a daily news broadcast under the direction of Bn Special Services and Orientation Divisions. This program for months has been keeping personnel advise daily on domestic and world news events in addition to sports and social items weather reports and camp theater notices. A staff of experienced announcers are standing by to supplement the invasion news and keep listeners posted as to Allied progress.

Traffic Law Warning

Servicemen are cautioned to observe all traffic regulations in cities and area where they drive. All military personnel is subject to local traffic laws and regulations. Violations will be turned over to Military Police for prosecution.

The City of Dallas, urges visiting servicemen to observe traffic lights, whether as drivers or pedestrians. Caution and cooperation of Camp Hood soldiers is requested to reduce accidents.

Chief Of Brazilian Army Armored Force Visits TDS

General Milton de Freitas Almeida, chief of the armored and motorized forces of the Brazilian army, and party, made a one-day visit to the Tank Destroyer School and post ordnance shop at Camp Hood on Monday.

General Milton was the second South American military leader to visit Camp Hood within a week's period, following closely upon the visit of General Alberto Romero, Ecuadorian Minister of National Defense.

Both of the officers expressed a keen interest in employment and maintenance of Tank Destroyer weapons.

General Milton, for 38 years a member of the Brazilian army, has been chief of the armored and motorized forces since they were activated. At the present time he is readying his units for overseas service. Much of the armored and motorized equipment used by General Milton's forces was manufactured in this country and made available to the Brazilian army through lend-lease agreements.

Arriving by army plane, the General and his party were met at the Camp Hood airport by Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, Col. E. J. Dawley, Commandant of the TD School, and party.

The distinguished visitors were escorted directly to school headquarters where the first platoon of C company, 662nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, fired an 11-gun salute for General Milton. Company B of the same battalion formed an escort of honor.

The remainder of the morning was spent in the Automotive Department of the Tank Destroyer School, where the visitors inspected armored vehicles and observed maintenance, repair and reconstruction work as it is taught in the school. Lt. Col. C. H. Plank, department director, supervised the tour.

During the afternoon the party, accompanied by the commanding general of Camp Hood, Brig. Gen. W. R. Nichols, observed repair and reconstruction work at the Army Service Forces post ordnance shops on light and medium tanks, anti-tank guns, and armored cars. The tour was supervised by Lt. Col. James P. Caulk, post ordnance officer.

A service firing demonstration with anti-tank guns and a demonstration of an assault upon an objective by tanks supported by organic weapons of a medium tank battalion climaxed the day's activities in the field.

The commandant of the Tank Destroyer School was host at a dinner in honor of the visitors at the 26th Street Officers' Club in the evening.

Accompanying General Milton were Lt. Carlo J. Ramos de Alencar, his aide de camp, and Majors Renato Imbiriba Guerreiro and Arcy Da Rocha Nobrega of the Brazilian Army, and Col. Milton A. Hill, GSC, in charge of the tour for the War Department, and Maj. H. J. Martin and Lt. C. E. Hollis, two ordnance experts who accompanied the visitors to this country after a 15-month tour of duty with the Brazilian army.

The two ordnance officers will return to Brazil with the visiting officers at the completion of their tour of other armored and automotive installations, in this country, as guests of the War Department.

Complete WAC Induction Now At Camp Hood

It is now possible for an applicant for the Women's Army Corps to be completely processed, given physical and mental examinations and be sworn in, at Camp Hood. Previously it was necessary for a prospective WAC to go to San Antonio to be sworn into the organization.

Under the new arrangement, Camp Hood was named by the Eighth Service Command a WAC Enlisting Station, and an office was set up at the station hospital for final processing.

Recruiting remains under the direction of Capt. Catherine Breneman at North Camp Hood, but the station hospital office, under Capt. Horace B. Loder, administers physicals and completes the enlistment papers, initiates the service record. Actual swearing in, said Capt. Loder, is to be done by a WAC officer in the camp.

Transportation to a training center may also be arranged for through the station hospital office. An applicant after she is sworn in, may be placed in the Enlisted Reserve Corps so that she may return to her home for a limited period before going to basic training, or she may be sent direct from Camp Hood.

GI Bill Of Rights Goes To House

The so-called GI "Bill of Rights," which has been passed by the senate, received approval from the house veterans' committee. Early house action was promised.

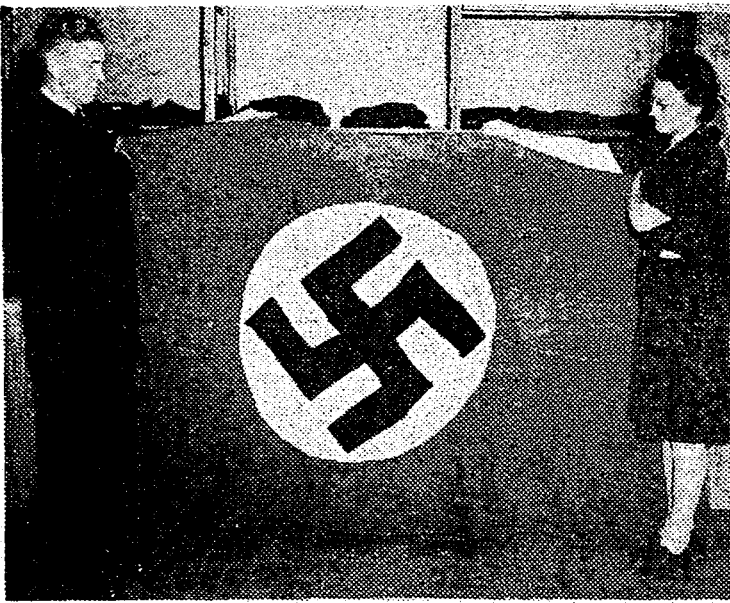
As explained by an Associated Press dispatch, the new bill sharply reduced unemployment compensation, while increasing government guarantee loans to veterans.

As approved the bill provides unemployment compensation on a flat basis of \$20 weekly for a maximum of 26 weeks out of the first two years after discharge, and for government-guaranteed loans of \$1,500 for the purchase of homes, farms or small business.

The senate bill provided unemployment pay for a maximum of 52 weeks, ranging from \$15 to \$25 weekly depending on the family status of the veteran.

The senate put a \$1,000 top on loans and provided for their issuance by the veterans administration. The committee bill would allow the administration to guarantee loans by private, state or federal institutions.

Main provisions on educational opportunities for veterans were left unchanged, although the house group emphasized handling of the program by the states and the veterans administrations. The committee reduced to 90 days the requirement that veterans have six months of service to be eligible for educational benefits.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Receive German Headquarters Flag From Son On Italian Front

Highly significant as a souvenir of war is a captured German headquarters flag received recently by John O. Blakeney, manager of the 50th Street Camp Exchange, and Mrs. Blakeney, from their son, Major Thomas Blakeney.

Major Blakeney, executive officer of a tank battalion, to all indications, took part in the Cassino conflict. He has been overseas, in Italy and North Africa, 16 months.

The flag has a story, Major Blakeney wrote his parents—

"But that has to wait."

However, he printed this on the banner: "Dad—Hitler's Supermen were in such a hurry they left this for you." It was dated Dec. 1, 1943, Italy.

The flag is about two yards long and a yard wide, has a bright red background. In a white circle in the center is a black Nazi swastika.

Major Blakeney received his A.B. degree from Louisiana State University, spent a year at Fort Sam Houston, as a second lieutenant went to the first mechanized school at Fort Knox. From there he was sent to Camp Bowie, where he became a first lieutenant and then a captain. His next station was Fort Benning, Ga., where, three days after his 25th birthday, he was made a major.

Shortly afterwards he sailed for North Africa where he was in three major battles—Maknassy, El Guettar and Mateur—among others. In December he went to Italy.

Major Blakeney hasn't told his parents much about the fighting, but one of his letters did say he was sleeping in a room occupied, shortly before, by a German officer. The room was vacated with such dispatch that the Nazi officer left his sweetheart's picture on the bureau.

He added that he hoped to return the picture to its owner, soon in Berlin.

The Blakeney home is at Step-village. He has been at Camp Mrs. Blakeney now live at Hood village. He has been at Camp Hood about a year and a half. Mrs. Blakeney, who arrived recently, is employed at the camp gas and tire rationing board.

Another son, Capt. Charles M. Blakeney, was with the RAF for two years, before transferring to the United States Army to become an instructor on a B-25 at Maxwell Field, Ala.

Hereceived the Distinguished Service Cross from the British for his bombing missions over Germany, and a citation for his work over Sicily and Italy.

GI Show To Temple

North Camp Hood is being honored tomorrow, as the "North Hood Capers," its all-soldier show, will be presented by the Lions Club of Temple, in the municipal auditorium, with all proceeds going to the 36th Division Memorial.

Starting at 8:30, the show features Lt. Larry Knopp, singer, Lt. Roy Ross, dancer, and S-Sgt. George Hall, master of ceremonies.

The "North Hood Capers" will also appear at McCloskey Hospital tomorrow afternoon.

3 Trainees In Big Bond Buy

While bearing arms for their country three IRTC trainees are also fighting the enemy from a monetary standpoint to the tune of over \$8,000, it was revealed here this week.

The three trainees all members of the 158th Bn, 93rd Regt. have bought \$7,100 worth of War Bonds during the past six months in addition to previous purchases and pay reservations.

Two of the men made huge purchases after induction into the Army and the third buyer, Pvt. James W. Stanley, Co. C, 158th Bn., put his money into action shortly before induction.

Pvt. Stanley, a former Little Rock, Ark. service station operator sold his business shortly before induction and invested the greater part of the sale price in bonds—\$3500 worth. Prior to that he had bought \$800 worth of War Bonds. He also signed up for a \$6.25 monthly pay reservation. Pvt. Stanley, 28, is married and has two children.

The other two heavy buyers Pvts. Donnis Turner, 32, and Denver L. Sander, 28, are both in Co. A, 158th Bn. Pvt. Turner, a cabinet and furniture maker, sold his home in April, after his induction, and turned the money into \$2,600 worth of War Bonds. He had bought \$150 in War Bonds previously and has a \$6.25 monthly reservation. He is married and has two children, and lived in Solomon Springs, Ark.

Pvt. Sander, a Cape Girardeau, Mo., a dairy farmer bought a \$1,000 Bond after his induction in April, selling his automobile to provide the money. He already had a \$750 Bond and has a \$6.25 reservation. He is married and has no children.

With these purchases the three men have practically all their savings in War Bonds and express the conviction that it was the wisest investment they could make.

Co. B, 159th Bn. Has Top Messhall

Men in Co. B., 159th Bn, 93rd Regt., IRTC are holding their heads at a high level because something new has been added.

The something new is the Best Mess plaque of the IRTC. Co. B. will go down in the books as the first unit of the IRTC to receive the coveted award which was inaugurated last week.

Reports from the "theater of operations" indicate activity was feverish with the kaypees and mess hall personnel proving too strong force for the uncleanly elements around the messhall. Co. B men now promise that other Mess Halls in the IRTC will have to make supreme efforts to wrest the plaque away from them.

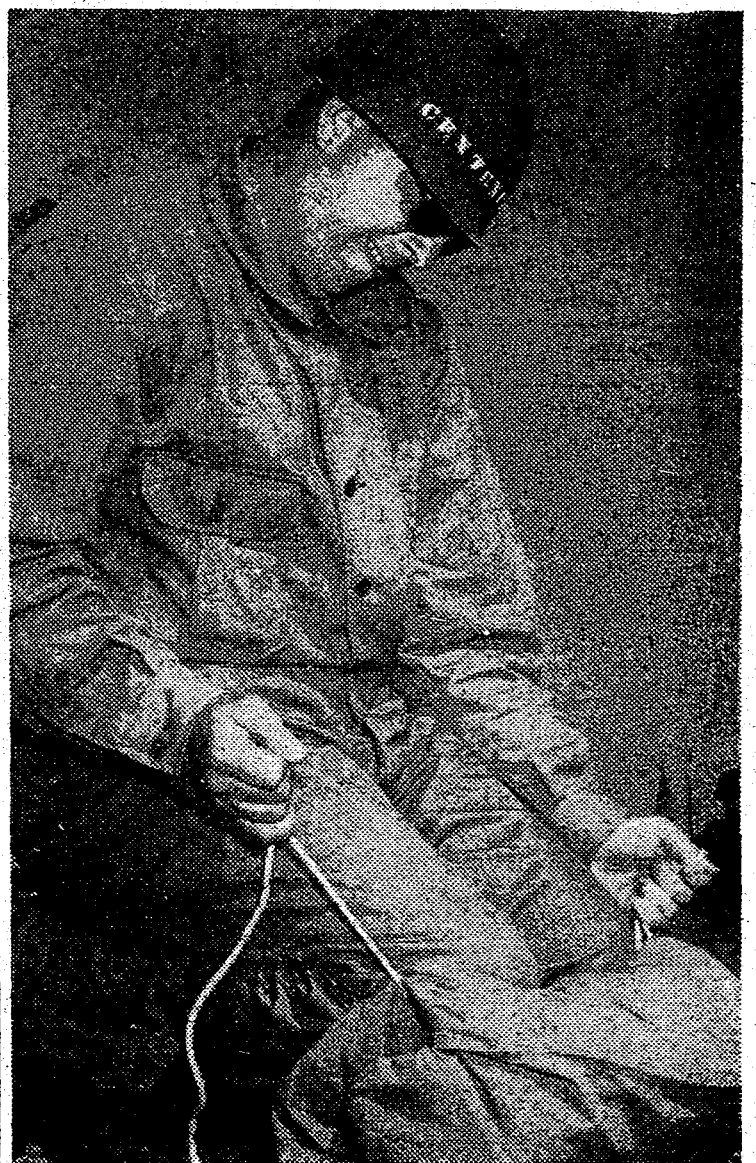
Co. B is commanded by Capt. C. W. Baker. 2nd Lt. Harry G. Rawlinson is Mess Officer, assisted by 2nd Lt. R. H. Barber and T-4 Milton Spitzer is Mess Sergeant.

Cpl. Ready For Japs

Cpl. Rupert A. Pieratt of Communications Department this week received a fine present from his brother, Billy B. Pieratt, machinist's mate second class. The latter is stationed on Treasure Isle, San Francisco and, in his spare time, made a knife—especially for Jap hunting—from a broken World War One bayonet. The handle is of scrap lucite and material resembling leather, while the burnished blade is ground down to a razor-like sharpness.

No Smoking In Theaters

All personnel of this camp are enjoined to strict compliance with the state laws of Texas which prohibit smoking in motion picture theaters. Military Police will cooperate with theater managers and civil police in the suppression of this violation by military personnel.



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New to Army way of doing things: Pvt. Peter J. Centenio, Co. B, 174th Bn, 96th Regt., IRTC, (top) encounters difficulty in rolling a field pack, and grinding his teeth wonders whether he will ever master the art. Below, Pvt. Harvey J. Stephens, Co., B, 158th Bn., 93rd Regt., IRTC, shows that a field pack can be rolled neatly after a man has a few days of experience.

New Gunnery Course

An officer's gunnery course, stressing latest tank destroyer firing methods and procedure is being inaugurated, according to announcement made by the Weapons department this week. Various TD weapons are being studied.

The climax of the course will be the firing of a problem at the conclusion. This problem will put into practice the teachings of the earlier weeks of the course and various arms will participate.

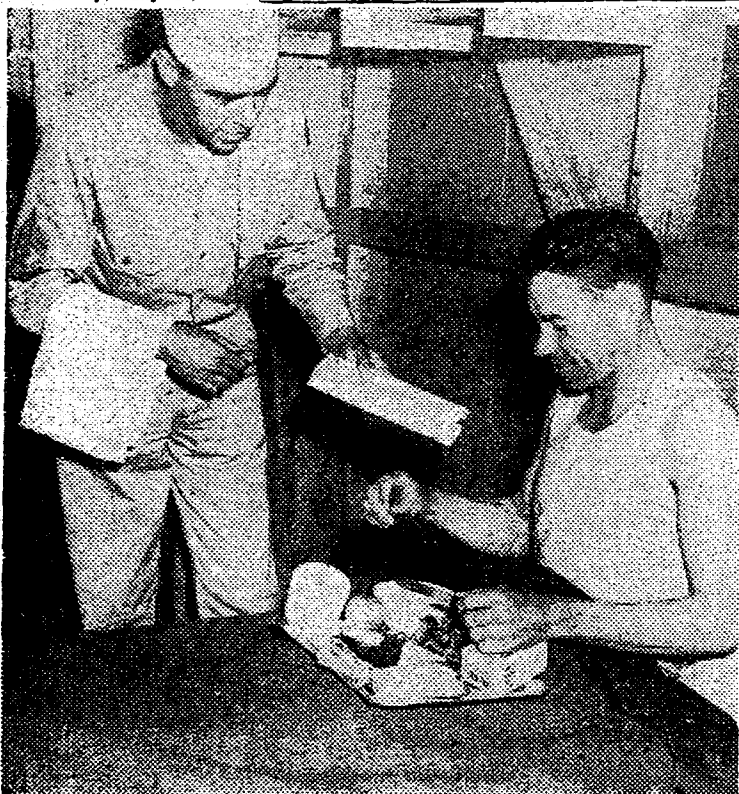


162nd St. & 37th St. Theatres
Sat—Seven Days Ashore.
Sun—Mon—Show Business.
Tues—Charlie Chan and the Chinese Cat.
Wed—Thurs—Gaslight.
Fri—Bermuda Mystery.
Hood Road & 24th St. Theatres
Sat—Charlie Chan in the Chinese Cat.
Sun—Mon—Once Upon a Time.
Tues—Yellow Canary.
Wed—Seven Days Ashore.
Thurs—Fri—Show Business.
72nd St. & Brigade Ave. Theatres
Sun—Yellow Canary.
Mon—Seven Days Ashore.
Tues—Wed—Show Business.

Thurs—Days of Glory.
Fri—Sat—Gaslight.
Ave. D & 24th St. Theatres
Sun—Mon—And the Angels Sing.
Tues—Days of Glory.
Wed—Thurs—Once Upon a Time.
Fri—Yellow Canary.
18th St. Theatre
Sun—Mon—Between Two Worlds.
Tues & Wed—And the Angels Sing.
Thurs—Slightly Terrific & Silent Partner.
Fri—Sat—Once Upon a Time.
4th and 10th St. Theatres
Sat—Days of Glory.
Sun—Mon—Up in Mable's Room.
Tues—Wed—Between Two Worlds.
Thurs—Fri—And the Angels Sing.

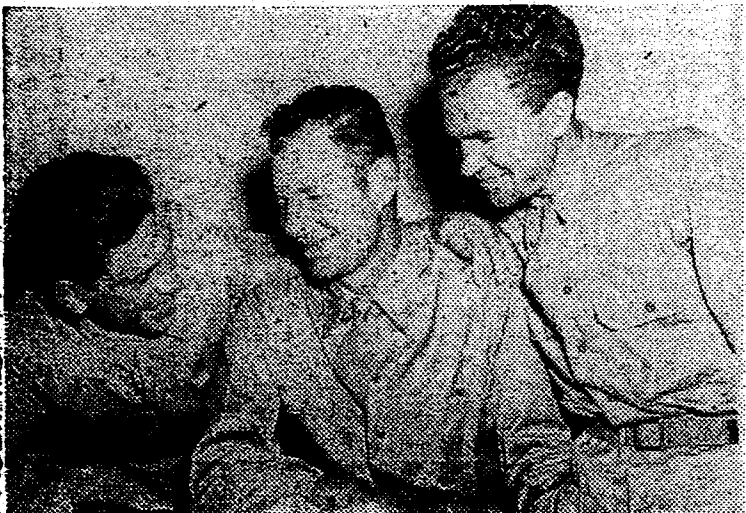
TDRTC Promotions

There were smiles last week on the faces of some cadremen of Co C, 140 Bn at the North Camp Hood Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center. The following received promotions: to corporal, Pfc Carl Haines, Pfc Herman Dierich; to technical, fifth grade, Pfc Walter Corley; to private, first class, Pvt Edward J. Bush.



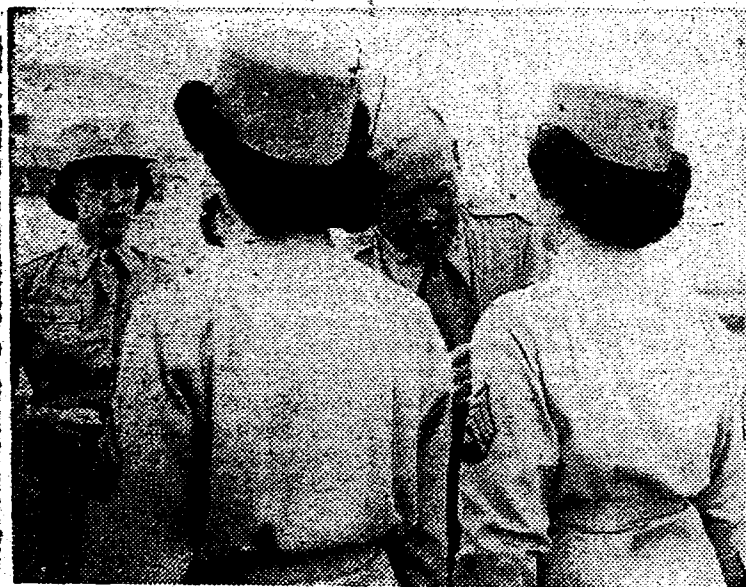
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Pvt. Guy LeRoy of the TDRTC at North Camp awoke one recent morning from a deep dream of peace—to find himself still in the Army, but with what difference! Bending over him was 1st Sgt. William E. Schuetze, anxious to know if the hotcakes were hot and would he like a morning paper. Private LeRoy the week preceding this particular Sunday had qualified as an expert rifleman with the high company of the 137th Bn, his own B Co. 1st Sgt. Schuetze is topkick for Co. C, whose total scores were lowest, hence the headwaiter act when Co. C served Co. B breakfast in bed. The menu—fruit, cereal, hotcakes, bacon, fresh milk, coffee, butter, sugared coffeecake, more sleep.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

The war has spread the Jay family of Cassville, Mo., to many parts of the globe. Pictured above are three of the Jay brothers in one of the theaters of war. Left to right: Pvt. Chester A. Jay, 32; William R. Jay, 33, and George H. Jay, 29. The three brothers, all in Co. C, 147th Bn, 90th Regt., IRTC, are looking at a map of the World with photographs of three other Jay brothers, also in the Army, placed on the map to show where they are stationed. Sgt. John R. Jay, 21, is in the Air Corps at Greensboro, N. C.; Carl Jay, 23, is a Signal Corps man in New Guinea, and Edward O. Jay is in the Motor Corps in England.



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Lt. Col. Crawford H. Booth, Jr., public relations officer at Camp Hood, pinned good conduct ribbons on 19 WACs of the WAC Section, 1848 Service Unit, last week. Here he awards a ribbon to Mildred L. Busch, as Capt. Elizabeth Hoffman, commanding officer of the section, watches. Colonel Booth told the WACs they had done a fine job at Camp Hood, that they had shown they had "the stuff that America is made of."

Conduct Awards

Fourteen Cadre of Company "A" 131st TDTB, TDRTC, were awarded the Good Conduct Medal by their Commanding Officer, Capt. Thomas W. Alvery.

Capt. Alvery in a brief ceremony presented the awards to: 1st Sgt. Joseph D. Fitz, S-Sgt.

Woodrow W. Booton, S-Sgt. P. Tavoulares, Sgt. Saul Klayman, Sgt. Lonnie H. Lamm, Jr., Sgt. Albert E. Showfety, Sge. Albert O. Sessoms, Sgt. Clarence K. Musick, Cpl. George G. Lentz, Cpl. William A. Morgan, Cpl. Werner L. Phelps, Cpl. Perry M. Russell, Cpl. Harry L. Simms and Cpl. John E. Richards.

TDS Vets Miss Anzio Beachhead Invasion

Two Tank Destroyer School men are sorry they didn't get to Italy for the push up the boot and the beachhead assaults after the Allied campaign in North Africa, but events conspired against them.

One of these men, Corporal George J. Pruitt, was hospitalized for malaria. The other, Private Bert A. Ward, was in a North African hospital, recovering from a tonsil operation when the outfit to which he was being transferred pulled out without him.

In TDS

Both Ward and Pruitt were in the TDS, but in different battalions. Ward's battalion was equipped with M-Ten's while Pruitt drove one of the older half-track-mounted seventy-fives. Ward was a gunner during the campaign while Pruitt, starting out as a driver, later was made gun commander.

Since Ward's outfit relieved Pruitt's in the battle of El Guettar, they have shared many of

the same experiences, from dive bombing by Stukas to throwing hard candy from K rations to Arabian and French children as they passed through small settlements.

Both men now work in the machine gun section of Weapons Department and are equally insistent that students learn everything possible about the weapons they are being taught. A two-hour discussion with the two men (Continued On Page 6)

TDRTC Enlisted Men See GI's Problems Dramatized

A new slant on the Army's stepped-up orientation program was brought before trainees of the 135th Tank Destroyer Training Battalion last week in a three-phase program depicting the many personal problems complicating the life of every G. I., the futility of going AWOL, and what facilities Uncle Sam offers to help untie a soldier's troubles.

The program was written by enlisted personnel of the battalion and presented before the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp.

With the requested absence of all officers. The purpose of this exclusion was to impress upon the men that the problems shown demanded their personal attention and could not be "buck-passed" to their officers. A joint talk, given by T-Sgt. Irving Schwartz, battalion sergeant major, and Cpl. David J. Kerr, operations clerk, introduced the men to the multitude of problems they could expect to afflict them throughout their army career and presented the functioning of various agencies which could render them assistance.

Feature of the program was a short skit with Pvt. Milton Burnette in the role of the army's most beloved character, "Sad Sack." The skit opened with "Sad Sack" peeling potatoes behind the bars of a simulated North Camp Hood stockade. Growing disgusted with the spud-pruning, he picks up a guitar and sings the very lamentable, "There Aint No Use in Crying."

At this point, an M.P., portrayed by Sgt. Clifford Perrin, arrives on the scene to prod "Sad Sack" back to work on the potatoes while Sergeant Schwartz tells the attentive audience that the prisoner represents a soldier actually in training who had gone over the hill. As the various problems are enumerated which prompted "Sad Sack" to go AWOL, the MP flips over a series of signs, graphically showing what these were, such as "Broke," "Socked the Sergeant," "Wife Suing for Divorce," etc.

The trainees are told that the exact cost of the one day's freedom this particular soldier gained by going AWOL. His loss of pay during absence, the cost of transportation and other expenses for his guards, and the forfeiture of his pay from courts martial, plus confinement and hard labor, are displayed on a large blackboard.

The futility of "Sad Sack's" AWOL is stressed throughout the rest of the program, during which the sundry agencies available for aiding the troubled G.I. are described. Emphasis is laid on the importance of each soldier having a buddy to help carry him over the hurdle of basic training. The assistance that can be rendered by the non-commissioned and commissioned officers is also brought out.

The Red Cross, Army Emergency Relief, and the USO come in for their share of credit, with particular instruction given as

the causes for and the means of obtaining emergency leave. A considerable part of the program is devoted to the advisory system, from the work of the individual advisor in the barracks to that of Maj. Samuel H. Kraines, chief psychiatrist consultant and head of the Mental Hygiene Clinic at TDRTC. Various other services which the Army provides are briefly mentioned to the men, such as the availability of competent legal assistance, dependency allotments, relief from income taxes, and the many recreation and entertainment facilities offered in camp.

One of the highlights of the program is a quick review of the training scheduled to be offered the new men, with examples given of the amount of ammunition they will fire, the cost of various equipment, and the importance of the work ahead for their own future. Corporal Kerr

Trainees Hear Gen. Bresnahan

In an official greeting to the third increment of IRTC trainees to arrive in Camp Hood, Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan, Commanding General of the IRTC told the huge gathering of new men at the Field House last Saturday morning "that they were going to be given the wherewithal to come back to their homes and families and was up to them to accept the offer in a manner that would help them come back."

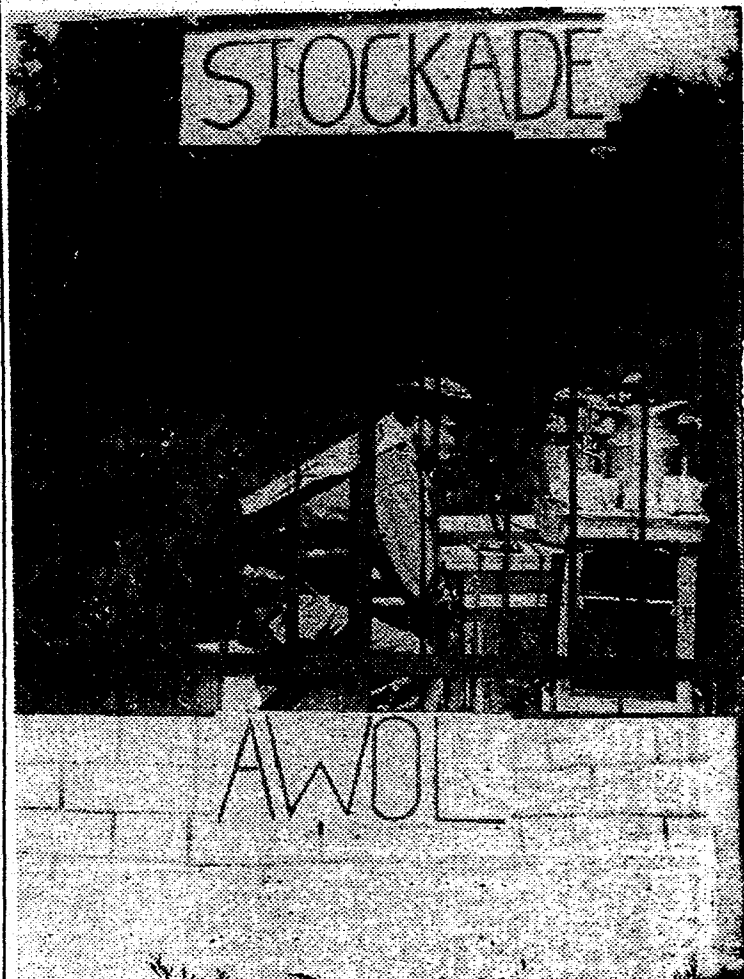
He stressed again a warning that any minute lost in training could not be made up on the battlefield and would prove disastrous to "not only yourself but your buddies."

"War, despite attempts to glamorize it, is a grim business and we are here to prepare you for your part in the game," the General declared. Your opponents are well-armed and capable soldiers, but the weapons, ammunition and training you receive are the best that any Army can have. Learn to use those weapons effectively and remember that your condition when leaving will be dependent on your own effort more than any other factor."

Like their predecessors at two similar welcoming ceremonies held here within the past month, the new trainees were also given short orientation talks by top officers of the IRTC staff.

tells them: "You're not here at North Camp Hood for a good time, so get that idea out of your head right now. You're here to learn how to kill Germans and Japs. Going AWOL or letting any of the problems shown here upset your training is going to hurt you, even as it hurts the army."

A telegram recently received from the Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces directing that trainees leaving replacement training centers may be given 10-day furloughs, plus travel time, dependent upon assignment, was read at the conclusion of the program to help put the men at ease on the question which has been found to be a leading factor in AWOL's. They are told that emergency furloughs during their training will not eliminate them from their regular 10-day leave, but are warned that AWOL cases are not granted this after-training furlough.



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The "Sad Sack," impersonated by Pvt. Milton Burnette above, pours out the woes of an AWOL into a microphone with the aid of his guitar. Private Burnette, a favorite singer on radio shows in his home state of Georgia, is telling his troubles to trainees of the 136th Bn at the North Camp Hood Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center during an orientation hour written and staged by the enlisted cadre.

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ORIENTATION

The current Army Orientation Course as suggested by the Morale Service Division of the Army of the United States, contributes largely to the high state of morale that the soldier individually or collectively possesses. Orientation is a must in the curriculum of Army training, and Officers and Units who neglect this phase of "conditioning" among the Enlisted Personnel are shirking a great responsibility.

Orientation is the meat upon which our soldiers feed to grow great. Only through Orientation does the often asked question "Why Do We Fight" become answered. The American is the type of individual that likes to have reasons for everything. He wants to know why! The Orientation Course offers many reasons why we are at war. Boiled down, all these reasons mean just one main thing. We fight to exist. We can exist only through the interdependence of people. We can have that only when the peoples of the world set up an order which allows them to be all free. We cannot exist half-slave, half-free.

Orientation teaches the soldier the nature of the enemy. Only by understanding the enemies, brutal, barbaric methods of their gigantic plan of conquest, can he be geared up to a state of the crusaders' aggressiveness to annihilate the enemy.

Orientation gives the soldier a clear, concise picture of our Allies. He learns that as we are all attacked by one common foe, it is only through the pooling of our strength, manpower, resources, and strategy that we will most quickly and thoroughly crush the enemy.

Orientation builds up in the soldier a sense of "Pride in Outfit," which is the yeast for many Morale ingredients. Great armies have been built on the pride demonstrated by the Army Personnel. He learns that no matter what branch of the service he may participate in, whether it be the Military Police, the Infantry, Air Forces, Medics, or Quartermaster, his part is indispensable to victory. It is just as important a job if you are running interference or carry the ball.

The Course keeps the soldier informed as to the news and its significance. The progress of the war, intelligently discussed builds the foundation and understanding of the individual's personal relationship to the war. His understanding of international events will have a direct bearing on his ability to contribute in a constructive way to the kind of world he will want to live in after the peace is won.

Last, but not least, orientation teaches the soldier to "Know the U.S. and have faith in its future." By reviewing the history of our country, its democratic construction, its geographical limitations, and its pattern of life, the soldier develops a pride and faith in country which enables him to be a thinking, fighting American, and this will make him a better American.

This, then, is the platform for an effective Orientation Program. It is only through these six basic factors, "Know Why We Fight"; "Know Our Enemies"; "Know our Allies"; "Know and Have Pride in Outfit"; "Know the News and its Significance"; and "Know the U.S. and Have Faith in its Future"; that the soldier may reach a clear, definite, and determined incentive to keep forever onward and upward toward a better civilization.

MAY 14th

This is the week when an editorial on Mother's Day is practically S.O.P. But we don't know what can be said about it . . . Mother's Day, when you get right down to it, is every day—or it should be.

The advertising copy writers pulled out all the lyric stops, they're the lads to interpret sentiment into words. For the rest of us, we'll have to be satisfied to say that we mean to make every day Mother's Day, but if we do too often forget, we try to make it up May 14th.

SONG OF THE GRASSHOPPER

They don't ask for glory, not a medal have they won
Those happy-go-lucky, liaison boys who fight till the job is done.

They fly from dusty roadways and from rough fields pitted by shell,

And they duly accomplish their mission in spite of heaven or hell.

If you should bump into one of them, just give him a friendly nod

It's sure to make him feel better up there between the Earth and God.

Oh, you've cheered in praise of the Air Corps and sung the Caisson Song

And you've often said to yourself and friends that the Marines can do no wrong.

But never a word have I ever heard about the small group of guys

Who risk their neck from dawn to dark in enemy ridden skies.

So sing this song about these men who ride the heavenly lanes

Let's all drink a toast to these brave little guys who fly the Artillery Grasshopper Planes.

Pvt. S. H. Nye

Somewhere in New Guinea.

Panther Poll

WHAT IS IT ABOUT TEXAS THAT YOU LIKE THE MOST?



Pfc. Faye Taylor, WAC, TDS

The salubrious weather. Who could resist such sunshine, such even-tempered warm breezes? Who could resist such gentle, enervating climate? And, of course, who has ever been able to resist being carried away by the rain?



S-Sgt. Norman Miller, TDS

Brother, are you trying to kid me?



Cpl. Robert O. Morris M.P. Det.

I like the space down here. You can go for miles in Texas and see nothing but space. This is Paul Bunyan country, everything is tremendous—the huge herds of cattle, the crops, square miles of bluebonnets, and the women are pretty.

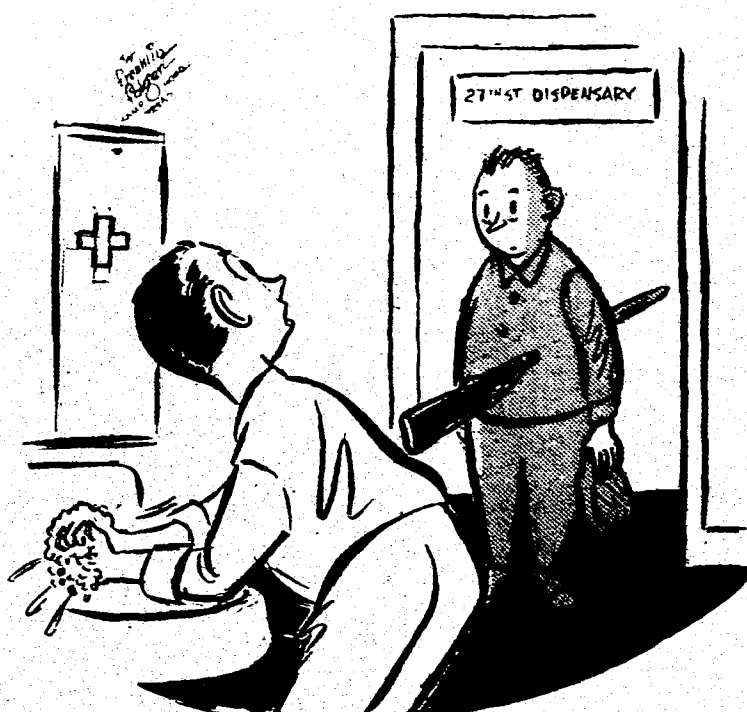


Pvt. J. B. Johnson, M.P. Det.

If I liked anything, I guess it would be the size. They have twice as much, and twice as big, of anything any other state has. When they do anything down here, they do it with a roar and a bang. A man could get big ideas down here.

Cpl. Makes TD Plaque

Cpl. David E. "Gabby" Hiltbrand of the School Reproductions Department is quite a designer. Hiltbrand was employed by a Cincinnati, Ohio, firm which did art work for a large soap manufacturer and has been in the Reproduction Department for some months. During this assignment, he has made hundreds of posters and charts. In addition, he designed a plaque from the Tank Destroyer emblem. The process of making the original design, executing it in soap and carrying through to the finished plaque, is quite a job and rather complicated, but Hiltbrand has done some fine work. After the original was carved, a mold was made, and from this copies can be struck off. They may be finished in many different ways, antiqued with umbers and siennas, painted in the orange and black of the TD's or left in the original creamy white.



Cpl. Franklin Folger, TDS

"WHAT SEEMS TO BE YOUR TROUBLE?"

The Censor Is Human-Too?

Every man in the service undergoes one or more sessions in military censorship. He is cautioned that he must exercise extreme care when corresponding with relatives or friends especially when he is writing from overseas.

Most Americans like to talk about the things they see, hear or do, so it's quite difficult for them to withhold information that might help the enemy. If they do make a slip there's always a censor handy to delete any information in that category. That brings up the problem of what to write and how to write it. The following letter, was received by an officer in the IRTC from a friend in the navy and may give befuddled soldiers an idea on how to avoid the censor's searching pen or scissors.

Dated "Who Cares" with the sender's address also defined as "Who Cares," the letter reads:

Dear Friend:
After writing last nite I read the new regulations regarding censorship, so I conceded the fact that no doubt my letter to you had gone astray, therefore I write what may be called on OK letter or rather a censor's dream.

After leaving where we were we left for here and not knowing we were coming from there to here we couldn't tell if we would get here or not, but nevertheless we are here and not there.

The weather here is just as it is at this season, but of course quite unlike the weather where we were before we came here. After leaving by what we left by, we had a good trip. The land and water are just like they would be here and not anything like they are there. The people here are just like they look, but they don't look to be like they are where we came from. From there to here is just as far as it is from here there.

I feel just as I should for this kind of weather, but of course I felt all right there for the kind of weather there, so there is nothing to get alarmed about. The way we came here is just the way everyone comes from there to here. Of course we had to bring about everything we have with us for here we wear what we would wear there.

The whole thing is quite a new experience here because it's not like what it's like where we came from or what it's like where we were before we left for here. Even though all the ground and houses here are alike they are not like where we were before we came here.

It is now time to stop this too newsy letter before I give away too much valuable information as the censor here is liable to be a spy.

S. T. Mohnike
% Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

Army Wives May Aid Red Cross

Camp Hood Army wives have been invited to participate in Red Cross training courses which are to be opened at Camp Hood and Temple in the near future. Wives of officers and enlisted men may volunteer for the classes by phoning Mrs. W. E. Nichols, wife of Brigadier General Nichols, Commanding General of Camp Hood, at 669.

The following courses will be given at the camp; Staff Assistant—twice a week, 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon, with 20 hours in all for the completed course; Grey Ladies—which requires 20 hours to complete, age requirement 25 to 55; Home Nursing—a course of 12 hours.

Two courses will be conducted at Temple: Home Service—which will be held Mondays through Fridays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m., May 19 through June 14; Motor Corps—for which first aid, advanced first aid, and the mechanics course are prerequisites.

"Anyone who has already completed the home nursing or the motor corps training," said Mrs. Nichols, who is in charge of the organization of the courses, "can be used immediately if they will volunteer their services."

More Stripes For IRTC

Headquarters Companies 1 and 2 announce the following promotions.

To T-4—Robert E. Grimm, O'Fallon, Ill.; Marvin B. Bredlow, Goodell, Iowa; Howard F. Buirge, Cumberland, Md.; Howard N. Bunn, Huntington, Pa.; William D. Lewis, Marion, Ohio; Mayo H. Tjaden, Wellsburg, Iowa; George A. Mitiguy, Jr., Burlington, Vt.; Edward J. Murray, Jr., Westville, Ill.; James W. Carr, Jr., Columbus, Ohio; Albert A. Chahattari, U--G. hLMW--G-TADG SHADL Butte, Montana; Charles D. Dekla, Logan, N. M.; John W. Diehl, Reno, Nev.; James A. Dorenkott, Lakewood, Ohio; Gus C. Garcia, San Antonio, Tex.; Otto D. Hauke, Newton, Kan.; Bernard F. Herberick, East Orange, N. J.; Merrill C. Hoelzen, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Milton L. Kleinman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Marvin E. Taylor, Greenville, S. C.; Hassan Kraft, Detroit, Mich.; Frank V. Krueger, Hoboken, N. J.; Walter F. Lenski, La Calle, Ill.; Henry A. Lipinski, Toledo, Ohio; Lester Rosner, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William C. Roth, Kansas City, Kan.; Otho L. Waltman, Jr., Gibsland, La.

To Cpl.—Charles A. Sarkisian, Union City, N. J.; Robert C. Alberts, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Chester P. Patroski, Chicago, Ill.; Ernest E. Silva, Jr., Oakland, Cal.; Claude E. Swackhammer, Sr., Lawton, Okla.; John R. Rodell, Houston, Tex.; and Peter Zhun, Cleveland, Ohio.



Nurses Aide Joann Bruscato, seen with Capt. D. B. Lackman, Asst. Laboratory Officer, Station Hospital, Camp Hood, has this to say: "You bet I'm glad I'm a nurses aide. My first day I went on duty with butterflies in my stomach but now that I'm getting on to things I think the work is swell and certainly the doctors and nurses have been just perfect with us."

Says Nurses Aide Opal Johnston, shown above with a patient, Pvt. Joseph J. Enucco: "So many of my friends had told me about the great shortage of nurses in the Army that I thought this was one way I could really be of help."

Volunteer Nurses Aids Doing A Vitally Important Job At Hood

Aiding in the task of caring for Uncle Sam's sick and injured soldiers are thousands of young women who, thru voluntary effort, have qualified as Nurses Aides. Camp Hood's Station Hospital has just recently had its nurses staff supplemented with the first contingent of aides, a welcome sight to any army hospital these days as the ever continuing increase of patients and the overseas demand for graduate nurses places more burden on the hospital complement of nurses and doctors.

The present urgent call for nurses aides can be answered by the thousands of physically fit women between the ages of 18 and 50 who are not now engaged in an essential task and who have no dependents. Requirements for the Corps are of such a nature that many women are able to qualify and at the same time hold down their present jobs until the day they accept the full-time paid job with the army and thus become Army Nurses Aides. The training of nurses aides is supervised and organized by the American Red Cross. The applicant must first successfully complete the advanced Red Cross First Aid Course and then complete a 35-hour lecture period. Official cap and pin is awarded to those who qualify after completion of 45 hours hospital duty in a civilian hospital. Before acceptance to the army each nurses aide must serve voluntarily and without pay at least 150 hours in a civilian hospital.

Although technically a civilian the Army Nurses Aide works entirely with the army in army hospitals performing many tasks to relieve the graduate nurse for more technical duties. An aide is proficient in many besides duties

and can perform several of the numerous tasks connected with the kitchen or laboratory.

Afforded the same privileges as commissioned nurses, army nurses aides at Hood are quartered in the Nurses Home and allowed recreational facilities available to officers.

Pupils Write TDS Sgt.

Sgt. William B. Lindsay of the Graded Test Section at TDS headquarters is keeping up with his civilian profession. Lindsay taught school back in York, South Carolina, before coming into the army and today is corresponding with exactly thirty-four fifth graders. Through them, he's learning practically everything of note that is happening back home. The first deluge of mail resulted from an assignment given the school children by their English teacher. The letters tell everything the home town weekly publishes and even some things which aren't in the paper—such as one bright young chap's report on Lindsay's girl friend.

TDRTCDrawsUp Warm Weather Training Plans

A training memorandum for the hot months ahead went into effect last week at the North Camp Hood Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center. Drawn up by the S-3 Section of TDRTC Hq. the directive bears the signature of Brig. Gen. Alexander O. Gorder, TDRTC commander, and consolidates many practices for training troops in hot weather that have been found beneficial in the past.

The memorandum begins by directing that training for all units will be planned to take advantage of shaded training areas. Unit commanders may schedule daylight training during the hours of 0700 to 2000 at their discretion and are authorized to change scheduled training periods daily, dependent upon heat conditions, although uniformity of scheduling within regiments is retained.

On the question of sun-baked theaters filled with trainees the Plans and Training Section rules that training films will be scheduled for groups not larger than two companies in the same theater at the same time, and will be shown during the cool hours of the morning.

In theaters during training hours men will sit at least 24 inches apart. Films may be shown outside at night to as large a group as practicable.

Marching between instruction areas in the field will be done at route step and marching in the cantment area will be done at attention or at route step as the temperature indicates. The memorandum states that all practice marches will be scheduled between the hours of 2000 and 1100 only and emphasized that all marches will be "closely supervised" by unit commanders.

Stripping to the waist will be permitted when engaged in the following activities — athletics, scheduled physical training, but stripping to the waist will not be permitted while riding in vehicles.

Fatigue details will rotate each half-day, and if training is suspended because of excessive heat, details except those absolutely necessary such as KP, ration details, etc., will be suspended also.

Commanders will prohibit drinking water from unauthorized sources, including another man's canteen, and will see to it that an adequate supply of salt tablets are available and that a system is developed which will insure consumption of tablets by all personnel.

36th Division Veteran Recalls Fierce Combat

LT. L. R. BARNHILL

The minute you begin feeling safe and drop your guard while in combat, that's the minute you are going to get hurt.

That's the story of Sgt. Sidney Madgling, a veteran of the 36th Division, who was knocked out of the war in the furious fighting at San Pietro in Italy.

"The Germans were dug in around the hills when my 66-mm mortar section was put into the fight," recalls Sergeant Madgling at McCloskey Army General hospital in Temple.

"The Germans were giving us everything they had and we were returning in kind. I had our mortar set up about 40 or 50 yards behind our riflemen. A slight depression on one of the hundreds of rock terraces that slice back and forth across the faces of rugged Italian mountains gave the mortar some cover.

"I took turn about with another



Here's pictorial report of the demonstration of a "Tank Destroyer Company Reinforcing Divisional Artillery," that was recently given at Jack Mountain by the Weapons Department of the Tank Destroyer School. In the top picture a smoke screen is put down to cover the withdrawal of outposts. In the second picture dust rises from shell-scarred cemetery knoll as our artillery guns pound that "enemy" position. In the bottom picture our tanks move out to clear the "enemy" from cemetery knoll in the wake of the concentrated artillery and mortar barrage. The infantry will move forward after the tanks have cleared the knoll of resistance.



One of the biggest thrills for an IRTC trainee comes on the day he is taken to the rifle range to test his shooting ability with the M-1 rifle. Here, Pvt. George Keller gets ready to fire at the target while Lt. Barnet Coperman, 148th Bn. (left) gives last minute instructions and Pvt. Edward Graves coaches and awaits his turn to blast the target. The two trainees are in Co. A, 146th Bn, 90th Regt., IRTC, one of the first units to visit the rifle range.

snaking my way back to the comparative safety of the mortar position. Bullets were kicking up rock and dirt all over the place. I would crawl for a short distance and then run until I could get behind a rock.

"When I was almost to my mortar position I thought myself safe enough. I was over the crest of the hill out of Jerry's field of observation. The rifle fire was zinging harmlessly high overhead.

"I breathed a sigh of relief and got up in a crouch and that's when it happened. The Jerry couldn't see me, but they had the mortar range of that reverse slope. Just when I thought I was safe a mortar shell exploded less than six yards from me. One fragment chipped a nerve in my left leg and here I am out of the war.

"I might have been hit even if lying on the ground, but the odds would have been more in my favor had I not chosen that minute to get up off the ground."



"Spring Fever," the local symposium of the season, will have its opening performance next Wednesday, at 8, at the Hood Road theater, and will come back Thursday night for the overflow.

It's an irrational review, determinedly based on the theme that there shall be no sense—and anything for a laugh. While the inspiration is GI, the tone is smoothly professional—a majority of the cast were professional show people before Uncle Whiskers picked up their options.

Everything comes in for an irreverent ribbing—from Bizet's Carmen to Gen. Marshall's Joe. The show gets under way with S-Sgt. Sid Katz, Pfc. Billy Reeves, and Pfc. Art Mee handling a serious case of Spring Fever, not to overlook nurse Shirley Ladda, who sings as competently as she brushes off the moo-eyed GIs.

Feminine Angle

Contributing what every man can see for himself, is a contingent of Wacs, who this time are most obviously not replacing soldiers. Betty Lilly, Norma Trammell, Louise Yocum, Avonne Markwart, and Caroline Brewster. Also dancing is Pvt. Joe Passiatore.

For the classic touch there is Lt. Woodrow Romoff, who not only doesn't look quite like Car-

men, but whose handling of the songs does a better job of defining "manhandling" than Webster does.

In the dance department there's a star beside the name of Lt. Roy Ross, who before he was introduced to his draft board danced in some of the best shows on Broadway. Sgt. George Hall, whose act has been seen at camp shows, will bring his inimitable touch. The surprise of the cast

promises to be woeful Pvt. Frank Ferra, whose contribution can easily make the famous dancers turn in their graves, or wish they were there.

Boo, Sinatra

On the music making sector there is Pvt. Scope Martin, who does things to an electric guitar that makes it feel as if he's playing on your backbone. For the bobbysocks brigade, and calling all men who'd rather boo Frank

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo Sinatra than buy a suit with two pair of pants, there's Lt. Larry Knopp.

Definitely not educational is Cpl. Edward Ballard's explanation of what happened to the girl who couldn't say no. And for some snappy string work there is the guitar playing of Pvt. Don Cline.

The show is being produced by the Post Special Service Office, under the direction of Lt. John Slezinger.

All in all in it is a laugh-getting review with a variety of pace, and an evening of fast routines.

The music, under the direction of Sgt. James B. Daigle, sets a smart rhythm note, with Cpl. George Mate, piano, Sgt. Jacob Schwendt, drums, Pfc. Aldo Lallo, guitar, S-Sgt. Harold Morris and Pfc. Robert L. Evans, trumpets, Sgt. Daigle, Cpl. Christopher Izzo, and Pvt. Arnold Pascale, saxophones.

The show starts at eight, there's no admission charge, and first come get the best seats.

TDS Vets Miss Anzio Invasion

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brought out many different points which were highly interesting and informative. They even mentioned a recipe for making a tasty and substantial soup from canned GI rations, plus bouillon cubes, hardtack from K rations, and water. It's quite a change, they say, from the issue rations.

Ward, from Paris, Illinois, has seen four years' service. He had training at Fort Lewis, Washington, before coming to Camp Hood, and later shipping overseas. Pruitt, a native Texan, lived at Houston before entering the service. He started with an armored outfit, rather than with the Thirty-Sixth division with the other Texas men, and was transferred to the TD's after arrival in Africa. After El Guettar, his battalion went on to Bizerte.

Awaits Planes

Both men agree that North Africa, despite its feverish heat by day and frigid winds by night, was a colorful experience. They have memories of shivering nights in slit trenches, awaiting the German bombers which inevitably would circle their positions shortly after sundown, trying to blast out targets the Nazi reconnaissance planes had discovered at noon the same day.

They have memories of afternoons too, when they watched Spitfires overhead in vicious dog fights with German planes, intent on strafing and bombing Allied positions; of the mad dashes for their antiaircraft mounts when the Nazi planes, hopping over the tops of the mountains, came within range of their emplacements.

While on numerous occasions, reports are heard of tracks being thrown from the old seventy-five mounts, Pruitt said: "I took care of my vehicle when I was the driver and, when I was gun commander, saw that my driver did. I wasn't very fond of the idea of being helpless with a Nazi eighty-eight bearing down on me and never once did I have any trouble that way, even though my mount was shot from under me. Luckily, the crew was not injured, for the projectile struck the middle of the suspension system."

Ward and Pruitt both know plenty about weapons and now they're passing this information on to TD School students.

Many New Gifts For TD Museum

Displays at the Tank Destroyer Museum at Twenty-Fourth Street and Park Avenue are being augmented daily as items of historical interest to the TD's are being received. Practically every department or organization which has been connected with the school already is represented and many more contributions are anticipated.

At least half a dozen large scale models of tanks and other armored vehicles, together with a dozen smaller models, have been donated by the Weapons Department. These were used in an armored vehicle recognition class. Previously the department presented a large number of model planes, used in a like manner in instruction. The armored vehicle models are to be displayed to an advantage, with placards showing the name and various other data.

A large number of photographs of TD's, some from theaters of operations and others of TD's when they were still in a highly experimental stage, likewise came in this week.

Copies of various instructional booklets published in the School are to be placed on display. These include the earliest books on tank destroyer, weapons and tactics and the latest manuals on drill, radio procedure and organization.

Former City Attorney Is IRTC Trainee

When trainees in Co A 171st Bn, 95th Regt., IRTC are beset by legal problems they need not go far to obtain expert advice, for marching right along side of them is a man with considerable experience in that respect.

He is Pvt. D. Cox, who prior to his induction on March 31, was city attorney of Corpus Christi, Tex. During his ten years of legal practice in Texas he also served as assistant Attorney General under Gerald Mann. Handling cases for that department he traveled widely in West Texas and also in Mexico. Pvt. Cox, 34, is married and has one daughter.

In the same company is another man who held a responsible position in civilian life. Pvt. George B. Cook was Plant Superintendent for the Jones Laughlin Steel Co., in Port Arthur, Tex. While there he also worked for the government as Chief Inspector of important machinery built at the plant. Pvt. Cook, 28, has also been employed as a driller in oil fields and helped open several important fields in Texas. He attended University of Houston and Texas A&M.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"If I were in the States I'd call an usher!!"



Announcement has been made of the recent marriage of the former Lenore F. Kohn to Sgt. Chester Goldstein, in Chicago. Sgt. Goldstein is chief clerk in the Post Personnel Office.

Words Without Music

RKO's "Hollywood Star Time" on Blue Network, starting May 29th, is reported to cost a million of the best annually . . . Sen. George, chairman of senate finance committee, has come out against the 30 per cent night club tax . . . LUISE RAINER will have the title role in "Mother Superior" . . . LEO CARRILLO assigned to "Merrily We Sing" . . . ALICE FAY (assisted by husband Phil Harris) adds a daughter . . . Cal. VFW named new post for DON E. BROWN, son of Joe E.

SONJA HENIE, JENNIFER HOLT and SIDNEY TOLER will tour overseas camps . . . JACK CARSON will be opposite R. RUSSEL in "Roughly Speaking" . . . J. DURANTE reported for work on the MARGARET O'BRIEN picture, "Music for Millions."

"Oklahoma" adopted as state song by Okla. legislature . . . Rubber face CASS DALEY one of the busiest guest stars — 16 shots last season, 12 so far this season . . . MGM announced closing date of its novel contest as July 7th—prize will be minimum of \$125,000 . . . O. WELLES' Mercury Productions will activate again, with murder mystery "Don't Catch Me," by Richard Powell, its first . . . A. Jolson in NY looking for talent for "Burlesque" . . . LOUIS HAYWARD, discharged from the marines, due back in Hywood.

CARMEN MIRANDA recording



Cast as leading woman in her very first film role, June Vincent's rise within a year to renown has provided one of those "success stories"

"Batuca Niga" . . . LUM AND ABNER started shooting on "Going to Town" . . . ASCAP re-elected DEEMS TAYLOR president . . . Major J. STEWART, now of AAF, awarded DFC.

HARRY LANGDON is auditioning a new radio show . . . BUSTER KEATON back on screen assignments . . . Gertie From Bizerte will be the title of a new picture . . . Red Cross received \$18,300 as contribution from three Victory Special shorts . . . HOLLYWOOD VARIETY reports that B. GOODMAN may



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Col. Clarence A. Orndorff, new Regimental Commander of the 95th Regt., IRTC, who knows the value of the hand grenade through battle experience against the Japs in Guadalcanal, shows Pvt. Robert Burch, Co. A, 172nd Bn., 95th Regt., the proper way to hurl the missile as he supervises the work of 95th Regt., trainees on the grenade course.

Col. Orndorff, Guadalcanal Vet, Named 95th Regt. CO

"The Jap soldier is inferior in physique and grey matter to the American soldier. He has the will to fight and the will to die and we have the will to fight and will to live."

"He suffers from the hardships of combat and the elements as much as we do, and sometimes more."

These are the interesting observations of Col. Clarence A. Orndorff, a Guadalcanal veteran, who last week was named commanding officer of the 95th Regt., IRTC.

Col. Orndorff led a Regiment of American troops during the height of fighting on the strategic island in January and February of 1943. His contention that American soldiers are superior was proven by the decimation of Nipponese ranks on Guadalcanal.

"When I left Guadalcanal there

join T. DORSEY'S crew as a sideman-clarinet soloist . . . The Radio Division of the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs is searching for Spanish and Portuguese speaking professional actors, as part of its planned production.

LEONARD LYONS reports that the Writers' War Board was asked to help recruit Wacs — its members studied the problem and suggested the first step should be — change the design of the hat.

JACK HOINS at CBS claims that when GROUCHO MARX was recently being fitted for a new suit the tailor asked, "Do you want 34 sleeves?" To which the imperturbable, perturbing Marx is alleged to have replied, "No, thanks. Two will be enough."

CARLTON E. MORSE signed "I Love A Mystery" for three more years . . . BURNS & ALLEN signed new contracts for five years . . . ditto BOB HAWK.

were no live Japs on the island. All had become good Japs—dead ones," is the way he sums up the fighting that found the Japs suffering 10 casualties to one for their opponents.

Col. Orndorff credits the Japs with being wily jungle warriors, but here again he believes the Americans can do just as well and when it comes to effectiveness with weapons the Nips find the score definitely against them.

"A well trained American rifleman can fire a clip from his M-1 before the Jap can get off the second round from his bolt action rifle. It's important that we get off the first round before he does, for that's the one that counts."

In appraising the training offered in the IRTC, Col. Orndorff brings this word as a result of his combat experiences.

"We do not teach anything in the IRTC that cannot be used in combat. The facilities here are as good as can be found in any camp. It's up to the men to get into good physical condition and take advantage of the preparations offered them."

Col. Orndorff served in the Army in World War I and subsequently was a member of the National Guard in his home state of

Regt. Adjutants Designated As Voting Officers

Regimental adjutants have been designated as the soldier voting officers in their respective regiments at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp Hood.

On July 15 state governors will inform the U. S. War Ballot commission whether their state laws authorize the use of the federal ballot, and will officially certify the provisions of their state absentee voting laws.

Soldiers residents of states not recognizing the federal ballot will be allowed to use it under two conditions—if they are either within or outside of the U. S. and come from a state which has no state absentee-voting provisions but which permits the use of the federal ballot; or, if they are outside the U. S. and the soldier's state permits the use of the federal ballot and if the soldier takes an oath testifying he applied for a state absentee ballot before Sept. 1 and did not receive it before Oct. 1.

Tax Abuse By Soldiers Noted

The following extract is from a letter of the Director, Special Service Division, ASF, dated 21 April, 1944, subject: "Abuse of Tax Exemption Privileges at Army Exchanges."

It has come to the attention of the Special Services Division that many army exchanges are being patronized to an extent far beyond normal because such items as furs, cosmetics, jewelry and luggage are tax exempt.

"The ruling of the Bureau of Internal Revenue will not be continued in force if the privilege on the part of the exchanges is abused by permitting sales to authorized personnel of unwarranted quantities of such merchandise when it is perfectly plain that such personnel intends to distribute such merchandise to unauthorized persons, either as gifts, on a reimbursable basis, or for a profit," declares the Director.

Commanding officers and exchange officers are required to take immediate action to eliminate the abuses referred to above.

Washington. A graduate of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., he was a prominent attorney in that city. He came into regular service in Dec., 1940 and was stationed in Hawaii for many months before going to Guadalcanal. After leaving the fighting he was hospitalized for some time and was at Camp Roberts for a short period. While on the West Coast he also was a technical advisor in the production of several training films. He came to Camp Hood April 22 and was first detailed as inspector of training in the IRTC.



Chapel Services

PROTESTANT
Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq.
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.

10:00 A. M.
Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn.
Chapel 218, Bible Sunday, 37th St. West.

10:15 A. M.
Bible Study, Chapel 413, School Area.
Chapel 321, 37th St. East.
Chapel 4416, 268th & Ser. Dr.

11:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 4416, 268th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 3425, 170th & Brig.
Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn.
Chapel 413, School Area.
Chapel 321, 37th St. East.
Chapel 218, 37th St. West.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq.

6:30 P. M.
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Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
Chapel 321, 37th St. East.
Chapel 218, 37th St. West.

7:30 P. M.
Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn.
Stockade, 2:00 p. m.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Episcopal.
Communion Sunday, 0800 & 1830.

COLORED TROOPS
Chapel 3406, 164th & Brig.
Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.
Worship Service, 10:00 a. m.
786 Sn. Co. (Mess Hall), 9:00 a. m.
Chapel 3406, 6:30 p. m.
Weekday Services
Chapel 53, Tuesday, 1930.
Chapel 4416, Wednesday, 1830.
Chapel 413, Wednesday, 1900.
Post Chapel, Thursday, 1930.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Sunday Mass
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.
Stockade, 7:30 a. m.
37th St. Theater, 9:00 a. m.
162nd St. Theater, 9:00 a. m.
24th St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.
Hood Road Theater, 11:00 a. m.
Morning Weekday Mass
Chapel 2808, Wed., Thurs., Sat., 8:00 a. m.
Chapel 218, Mon., Sat., 6:15 a. m.
Evening Weekday Mass
Chapel 2808, Tues., Fri., 6:30 p. m.
Chapel 218, Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 6:30 p. m.

Novena Services
Sunday, Chapel 2808, 6:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Chapels 2808, 218, 6:30 p. m.

CONFESSION
Saturday, as follows:
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Sunday, 0900.

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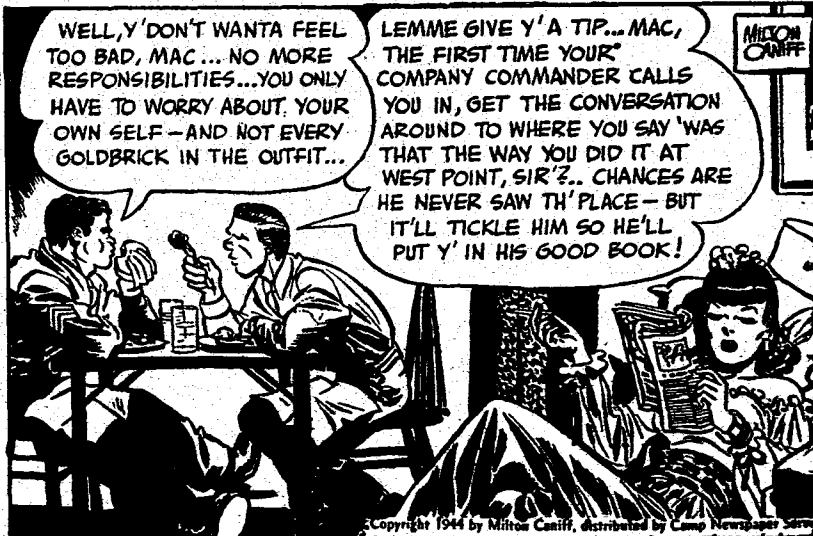
Religious Book Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will be observed in the 162nd St. Library, May 7 to 14, with a special table display of religious books. Interested readers are invited to visit and see this collection.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Men Sometimes Go Nuts In The Army





Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo.

Brig. Gen. Alexander O. Gorder, commanding the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood, pins the Legion of Merit Medal on Sgt. Ludolf Klein of Co. B, 141st TDTB, at recent ceremonies at North Camp. The sergeant, whose citation was for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as battalion supply instructor," stood with the general after the award while the Fifth Regiment passed in review.

IRTC Hq Co No 1 Takes Revenge 4902 SCU Team

After their three game winning streak had been stopped by the 4902 S.C.U. Wednesday, May 3, Hdq. Co. No. 1 IRTC softballers came back Monday, May 8 to defeat the 4902, by a score of 6 to 4 in a fast game, the third game between the two teams.

Monday night's tilt saw the Guards build up an apparently safe lead in the first five innings only to have the IRTC outfit forge ahead by rallies in the last two innings. The Guards scored one in the first on a three bagger by Buysse who tallied when McAllister reached first on an error. A walk to Shepard followed by bingles by Burkhalter, Vitagliano and Tylahala accounted for two more counters for the Guards in the fourth.

Waltman, catcher for the IRTC team, singled in the fifth, stole second and came in on Piccolo's single. The game was tied up in the sixth when Stringer singled and later scored by virtue of a stolen base and an error. Matthews walked and was later driven in by Waltman. The Guards went ahead in their half of the sixth when Piercy tripled and scored on McAllister's single. After a fielder's choice and an error had put Burbine and DeFoyd on the bags, Stringer doubled to drive them home then scored on Gutwald's single.

Outstanding in the contest were Giordano's thirteen strikeouts and Stringer's timely hitting.

Major's Wife Is Texas Champ

Mrs. Bernard L. Smith, wife of Major Smith, former 5th Regt. S-3 at the North Camp TDRTC and now at TDS, recently won the women's singles and doubles badminton titles for the Texas State Championship at matches in Dallas.

MP Guard Det. Whips Giordano

In a return match, the MP Guard Detachment of South Camp Hood trounced pitcher Giordano and Headquarters Co. No. 1 IRTC in a softball game 3 May. After being beaten by Giordano in a previous game, the former 489th MPEG Co. came back and caused Giordano to suffer his first softball defeat.

The IRTC got off to an early start and scored two runs in the first two innings of the game after which Cpl. Pletzke, MP hurler, pitched superb ball and did not allow another run to cross home plate in the remaining innings.

Vitagliano started a rally for the home team in the fifth inning and from then on hits were numerous. With only one out in the last half of the seventh the MP's scored the winning run; final score being 3 to 2.

Coupled with a fine pitched game, Cpl. Pletzke received excellent support from his teammates. Tyahla, at third base, alone was responsible for ten put outs and played a bang-up game.

3-1 TDRTC Win Evens Score In Feud With TDS

Tight pitching featured the second inter-camp tilt between the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center nine and the TD School of South Camp last weekend at the South Camp diamond. North Camp won 3 to 1 over a team which beat them 7 to 5 in the opener a week before.

Harrison went the route for TDRTC, allowing but two hits, one a double. Karpel started for South Camp and was relieved by Weaver in the third. TDRTC got two hits from Weaver in the fifth and six innings.

TDRTC scored first in the fourth frame on two bases on balls, an error by Petrillo, Student Regiment third baseman, and a walk. South Camp came back in their half of the inning with a two-bagger by Wheeler, a struck batter, a base on balls, and an infield out by batter Ward which brought in Wheeler.

North Camp scored again in the first half of the sixth when Fisher stole third as Wheeler, catcher, overthrew second, and then came home while Kahler, Student Regiment fielder, was juggling the ball. The final results were TDRTC—three runs, two hits and two errors; Student Regiment—one run, two hits and three errors.

Weapons EM Win 13-Inning Duel

Amid the lengthening shadows of a beautiful sunset, a thirteen-inning softball game came to a dramatic end when Weapons Department Enlisted Men scored a run to win six to five from the department Officers' team.

The game, one of the longest ever played in the School, was scheduled for seven innings. During the two hours, officers and men of the department put on a marvelous exhibition. Going into the seventh inning, the officers' team seemed to have things its own way for their one run lead was increased to three. Then, things started to happen. Marcus went in for the enlisted team as a pinch hitter.

And hit he did. He brought in three runs since Pellern, Wirtz, and Bell were all on base when Marcus poled out a honey of a two-bagger. On an overthrow the third man scored.

Both teams tightened up and nothing more happened until the eleventh. The officers were at bat and Lieutenant Menard scored what looked like the winning run—for a short time only, for in the lower half of the eleventh, Bates scored on an error to even things up at five to five. Van Hekken, pitcher for the enlisted team, really started to bear down and blanked the opponents for the next two frames. Then came the decisive play. Lieutenant Giewitz let Clark and Marcus get on base and Rudak singled to bring in the winning run.

Captain Henshaw and Pellern backstopped for the pitchers, both of whom went the full route. Though the outfield was slippery and the wind high, some excellent fielding was displayed by both teams and infield work was excellent.

Tear Jerking Drama

A tear jerking drama during an instruction period in the IRTC last week brought considerable laughter to everyone but the principal actor, who undoubtedly profited by the experience.

The soldier in question became unduly excited while traveling through the gas chamber which was being used by Co. D, 146th Bn., 90th Regt., and tried to don his gas mask before removing his helmet. He found the resulting discomfort a feeling that he promised to avoid in the future.

SPORTS

A dark horse soft ball team now looms up in the South Camp Hood area, a new, powerful club that seems destined to go places this season. Certainly one thing in the team's favor is that it plays only home games. We refer to the Guard Detachment, 4802 Service Unit, whose team has played four or five games in the past week, winning 'em all. Because their duties forbid the players from leaving their area, they invite all teams to play on their well-kept diamond. If necessary, they supply transportation to the visiting teams, and last Monday even served the visitors with dinner in their messhall. Softball teams desiring games should certainly contact this hustling outfit. Lt. William Baker is in charge of the team.

Well, the 70th running of the Kentucky Derby is now history, and Pensive, the horse that almost didn't get to go to the Derby at all, struck from behind in the final eighth of a mile to win the richest of all derbies by four and one-half lengths in front of Broadcloth, with the favored Stir Up, third. . . .

According to the Sporting News, fighting champions—those boxers who are in the armed forces—continue to hold their places at the top in the National Boxing Association rankings released in Washington last week.

Champions are entitled to have their names kept before the fight fans. President Abe J. Greene of the N.B.A. explained, pointing out that the public is eager for a continuance of the game despite the absence of top-line fighters. Here are the No. 1 men in the various divisions:

HEAVYWEIGHT:—Champion Joe Louis (Army); LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT:—Champion Gus Lesnevich (Coast Guard); MIDDLEWEIGHT:—Champion Tony Zale (Navy); WELTERWEIGHT:—Champion Freddie Cochrane (Navy); LIGHTWEIGHT:—Champion Juan Zurita (Mexico); FEATHERWEIGHT:—Champion Sal Bartolo; BANTAMWEIGHT:—Champion Manuel Ortiz; FLYWEIGHT:—Champion Jackie Patterson (England).

Tommy Hitchcock, 44, commander of a fighter group "somewhere in England" lost his life recently, when a routine plane flight resulted in a crash. Thus, was polo shorn of its most colorful performer. It was Hitchcock who turned polo over to the common people. His ability to hit the ball 300 yards changed the game into a spectacular sport. In 1930, he invited Rube Williams and Cecil Smith, a couple of cowboys from Texas, to participate in the sport. Ultimately, these three riding stars formed the nucleus of America's greatest team, and while Hitchcock rode on this team, the Americans were never defeated by the British.

A coy letter from California asking if we intend to obtain a new hunting license. '41 was our last hunting season as a civilian. That was the year we began getting into the swing of things at the Santa Monica Gun Club, and we mean skeet shooting. Ofttimes we went around in a foursome with Gary Cooper, Jack Conway, and the club pro. There too, we witnessed the prowess of two women who, novices but a short time previously, very soon climbed the national ladder and were among the country's best women skeet shots. They were Mrs. Gary Cooper and the late Carole Lombard. As a matter of fact the very last time we went hunting brings to mind the last memory of sports woman Carole Lombard. We stayed at the Jimmy Cornelius ranch, in Bakersfield which adjoined the Fleischmann ranch—the place where Clark Gable and Carole ducked away for privacy and hunting. It was a very leaden five-thirty a. m. We were just about to flush a whole covey of feathered prey, when footsteps approached—a woman yawned—and the same woman exclaimed—"I'd just like to see one of those darned birds that dares to get up at this unearthly hour!" And the Gables and Harry Fleischmann came up for a brief greeting—and they were gone. Carole, who played hard, worked hard—we know, because many a midnight during a busy working schedule, we saw her coming out of meetings and conferences of the acting guild where she tried so hard to better conditions for the bit players and extras.

TDS formally opened its baseball season last Sunday, and, before a good crowd of fans, emerged from its tilt against the scrappy, formidable Seven Up team of Austin, winning 3 to 0. Herb Krapel went the route for the Scholars allowing only four scattered hits, and striking out nine 7-Uppers. His performance seemed to be a continuation of the splendid hurling he exhibited last season. It was clearly noticeable how this lad got hotter and hotter with each passing inning. Those pitches broke sharper, the fast ones had more zip, until finally the visitors began swinging, it seemed just about the time the ball left his hand with the result that their cut at the plate was completed before the ball registered its thud into Don Wheeler's mit behind the plate. Dumke, who was to have been the Seven Up starting pitcher flew in, landing on the airstrip in camp, in time to pitch the last two innings. He's good. Return game scheduled the 21st (Sunday) at Austin. Baseball fans will find this game down there worth attending. Especially if Dumke or Ramos get into the game against Herb Karpel. The TD School team behind Herb in the game Sunday looked like a real club, even better than last season. The fielding was better, and certainly the hitting was an improvement—as they tapped the three opposing pitchers for 8 safe hits.

Guard Det. Wins, 4-2

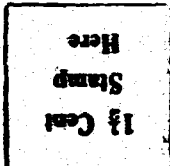
The Guard Detachment, 4802 Service Unit (formerly 489th MPEG Co.) defeated the Station Hospital softball team to the tune of 4-2 on Friday, 5 May 1944.

After pitching scoreless ball for the Guards for the first five innings, Pfc. McAllister allowed two hits in the 6th, permitting the

Medics to score one run. In the seventh, a fly ball eluded Cpl. Shepard in left field, donating the Medics another score.

McAllister, hurling handily, struck out nine Medics, granting only three hits. Cpl. Coy Noles, Medic winger, conceded five hits which were well bunched for four runs.

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